Cancellation of licenses of telecom companies

†2981. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been recommended to Government to cancel the licences and taking strict actions against those telecom companies which have not fulfilled the promise of installing public telephones in the rural areas; and

(b) if so, the names of such companies and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The names of the companies are:

(i) M/s Tata Teleservices in Andhra Pradesh
(ii) M/s Reliance Telecom Ltd. in Gujarat
(iii) M/s Tata Teleservices (Maharashtra) Ltd. in Maharashtra
(iv) M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd. in Rajasthan
(v) M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd. in Punjab
(vi) M/s Bharti Telenet Ltd. in Madhya Pradesh

The private basic telephone service providers have consistently been insisted upon to complete their unfulfilled performance obligations as per their licence conditions and submit additional performance bank guarantee. The Liquidated Damages provided in the licence conditions have been recovered for delay in performance.

Appointment on compassionate ground

2982. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the persons given appointment on compassionate ground in the Deptt. of Telecommunications during the last three years, State-wise and year-wise; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the criteria adopted by the department in these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Year-wise, Circle-wise, number of persons given appointment on compassionate ground during the last three years.

Sl. No.	Name of Circle	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	Total
1.	Andaman and Nicobar	1	1	1	3
2.	Andhra Pradesh	236	Nil	Nil	236
3.	Assam	98	Nil	Nil	98
4.	Bihar	10	Nil	Nil	10
5.	Calcutta Telecom District	48	26	Nil	74
6.	Gujarat	121	Nil	117	238
7.	Haryana	38	25	5	68
8.	Himachal Pradesh	6	14	8	28
9.	Jammu and Kashmir	11	2	5	18
10.	Karnataka	192	111	35	338
11.	Kerala	81	11	46	138
12.	Maharashtra	285	86	59	428
13.	Madhya Pradesh	43	Nil	54	97
14.	Chennai Telecom District	53	29	21	103
15.	North East I and II	23	7	8	38
16.	Orissa	1	17	21	39
17.	Punjab	22	21	17	60
18.	Rajasthan	4	64	115	183
19.	Chhattisgarh	Nil	Nil	Nil	00
20.	Tamil Nadu	134	3	Nil	137
21.	Uttar Pradesh (East)	43	Nil	3	46
22.	Uttar Pradesh (West)	16	Nil	86	102
23.	West Bengal	45	2	40	87
24.	Jharkhand	Nil	Nil	Nil	00
25.	Northern Telecom Region	17	Nil	Nil	17
26.	Uttaranchal	Nil	9	13	00
27.	Delhi T.C.H.Q.	4	-	-	4
28.	MTNL Delhi	141	107	51	299
29.	MTNL Mumbai	324	153	116	593

(b) The appointments on compassionate ground are made as per the instructions issued by Department of Personnel and Training, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions. As per the said guidelines the appointment on compassionate grounds is granted to a dependent family member of a Government servant who dies in harness or who is retired on medical grounds, thereby leaving his family in penury and without any means of livelihood.The object is to relieve the family of the Government Servant concerned from the financial destitution and to help it get over emergency. Compassionate appointment can be made up to maximum of 5% of vacancies arising within a year under direct recruitment quota in group 'C' or 'D' posts. The appointment is contingent upon the relative merit and degree of indigency among the applicants subject to availability of vacancy within prescribed ceiling.

Information technology outsourcing

2983. SHRI RUMANDLA RAAMACHANDRAYYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank would outsource over $10 million IT work to India in the next twelve months through its existing Indian partners;

(b) if so, whether the World Bank, which had already outsourced work worth $10 million during the past couple of years, is also planning to increase IT outsourcing to its existing partners;

(c) whether the World Bank is also planning to expand its Chennai Business Process Outsourcing Centre; and

(d) if so, to what extent it would be beneficial and provide employment to the Indians?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Government has no specific information in this regard. CIO World Bank during his visit to India in February 2003 had given various media interviews and the figure of US$10 million worth of outsourcing appeared in the media after one of these interviews.